



File: 7263

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Karanikos et al. **GROUP:** Unknown  
**SERIAL NO:** 10/658,925 **EXAMINER:** Unknown  
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**FOR:** BEVERAGE FILTER CARTRIDGE

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
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**Sir:**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining this application on the merits, please add the following new claim 12:

12. A beverage filter cartridge comprising:

a cup-shaped outer container having a side wall and a bottom; and

a cup-shaped filter element having a side wall and a bottom; said filter

element being arranged to subdivide the interior of said container

into a first chamber inside said filter element and a second chamber

located between the bottom of said filter element and the bottom of

said container, said filter element having an upper rim joined to the

container side wall at a peripheral juncture, and said filter side wall

having exterior channels that face said container side wall and that

lead downwardly from said peripheral juncture to said second

chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

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